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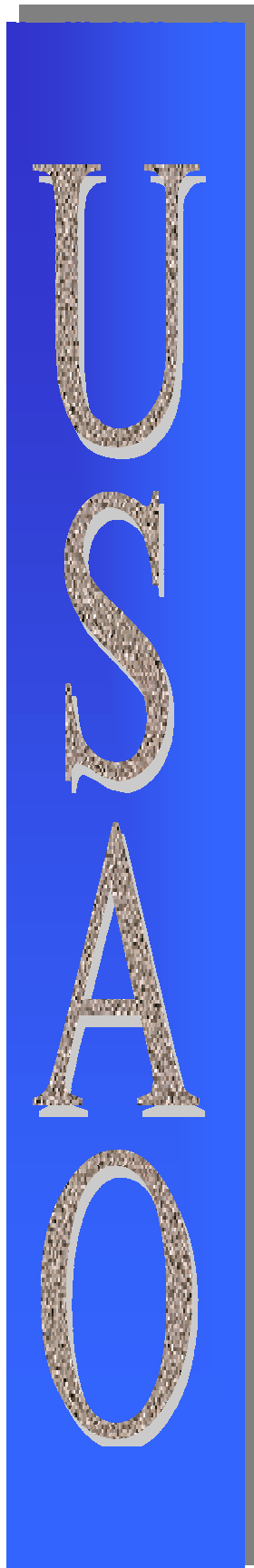
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Year In Review 2000



United States Attorney

The President of the United States, with advice and consent of the Senate, appoints a United States Attorney for the federal judicial districts in the nation and its territories.

During the four-year term of office the U.S. Attorney, under the direction of the Attorney General, serves as chief federal law enforcement officer in his or her district, and is responsible for representing the United States in all courts of law in the district. In this district the U.S. Attorney oversees a staff of 285 and a budget of over \$24 million.

The district's 143 Assistant U. S. Attorneys conduct litigation and manage public safety programs on behalf of the United States. Assistant U.S. Attorneys are commissioned for indefinite terms of office by the Attorney General. The 142-member support staff consists of paralegal specialists, auditors, legal secretaries, and other specialists with administrative, law enforcement coordination and crime prevention responsibilities.



U. S. Attorney's Forward

We began the year 2000 with a renewed commitment to carry out our responsibilities efficiently and professionally. A strategic plan was drafted in consultation with law enforcement executives and community representatives throughout the district. The plan set forth the broad direction for the United States Attorney's Office and our partners.

The strategic planning process helps establish and maintain a clear focus on the outcomes of our efforts. It also sets a framework for ensuring our accountability to the public.

I am proud to publish this summary of the work of this office for the year 2000. The report reflects the mission we identified, the goals we set, and the strategies that guided our efforts. Most important, it shows that the members of the United States Attorney's Office are doing an extraordinary job.

I invite you to keep abreast of our activities through the Internet. Your comments and suggestions are, of course, always welcome at www.usdoj.gov/usao/txs.

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DISTRICT INITIATIVE 2000

The overall mission of the United States Attorney is to enforce federal law, defend the interests of the United States in courts of law, and provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime. In the Southern District of Texas, our resources and activities are organized around three functional responsibilities. These are:

- ☐ prosecution of criminal offenses;
- ☐ legal representation, enforcement of federal laws, and defense of federal government interests; and
- ☐ advancement of comprehensive crime prevention and effective public safety.